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PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, do you wish to speak to this?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, it's very simple. On a motion to adjourn there is no debate. The Speaker, the other day, had an idea that he would like to make the motion to adjourn at all times. This was rejected and so as a sort of compromise to make sure that he would get his input in, if he had some, anytime the motion to adjourn is made then the Chair would turn to the Speaker and say, do you have any information or whatever to give us. It just ensures that before we have a vote and walk out of here if he does have something important he gets an opportunity to say it or get it into the record or whatever. He's not here now.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion? Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: What is there's no Speaker on that particular day?

PRESIDENT: I would imagine it's the person who he designates. This is the procedure that we followed this term, senator. I would imagine that privilege would fall to the person the Speaker designates to stand in his stead. One of the difficulties . . . if you permit the Chair again . . . one of the difficulties of covering every single contingency is your Rules would end up that thick.

SENATOR SYAS: Well I realize that but if he wasn't here . . .

PRESIDENT: Well then he doesn't get to speak. That's one answer.

SENATOR SYAS: No.

PRESIDENT: You're one of the few I know that could speak if you weren't here Senator Syas. Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the other day we had a rule change here and it was voted down. It concerned the members of this Legislature realizing the value of a calendar or agenda, whatever we term to call it, so we can finish within reason that calendar on a day-by-day basis. We've had two days of calendar on your desk. I'm going to continue to have one as long as I am the Speaker of the Legislature. We will have it approximately at 4 o'clock or prior to that time. We all understand how difficult it is to come up to a time limit. So members who were concerned in this body discussed it in the Rules Committee. Again, while I'm your Speaker I will not embarrass you or keep you a long time. This rule change will permit the Speaker to make a statement relative to the time that is left if this the reason the adjournment is there. Otherwise, you still have your full authority for adjournment under other circumstances. This will permit the Speaker to say, gentlemen and ladies there are about 15 minutes remaining, and make this statement, and then you still have the right to overrule any statement that I would